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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 7303.0055

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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) Group Art Unit: 2124
) Examiner: D. Malzahn
) ) )  Confirmation No.:  2625
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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated June 4, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (Claims 1-62) and Group II (Claims 63 and 64). Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 1-62 drawn to variable rate filters.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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